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Appl. No.: 10/549,680
Filed: September 19, 2005
Title: **High Homogeneity Silica Glass Prepared Through A Sol-Gel Procedure**
Inventor(s): Fulvio COSTA, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/84392

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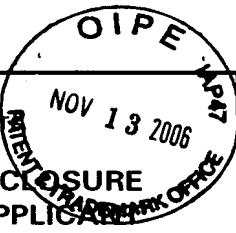
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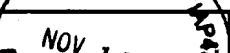
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